



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS POLICIES TO MAINTAIN AND PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF THE HONOLULU ZOO AND ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FACING THE HONOLULU ZOO IN THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ENSURE THE FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY, GROWTH, AND VIABILITY OF THE HONOLULU ZOO.

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Zoo ("Zoo") is a 42-acre integrated zoological and botanical park in Waikiki and is home to 905 different animals from the tropics; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo is the only zoo in the United States that originated in a King's grant of royal lands to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo is located in Kapiolani Regional Park, which is subject to the policy oversight of the Council in their role as the Trustees of the Kapiolani Park Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Zoo is also located in Council District IV; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Zoo is to inspire the stewardship of our living world by providing meaningful experiences to its guests; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Honolulu Zoological Society is to foster an appreciation of the living world by supporting and advocating environmental education, recreation, biological study and conservation activities at the Zoo; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2014, 606,566 people visited the Zoo; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is imperative to explore and examine approaches to maintain and promote the growth of the Zoo and address policy issues facing the Zoo in the short- and long-term so as to ensure that visitors to the Zoo and residents alike enjoy the Zoo for years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Enterprise Services is requested to form a working group to:

- 1) Discuss policies to maintain and promote the growth of the Zoo;



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- 2) Address significant issues facing the Zoo in the short- and long-term; and
- 3) Formulate specific short- and long-term recommendations regarding City policies for action by the Council in its legislative role and its role as Trustees of the Kapiolani Park Trust for purposes of ensuring the future sustainability, growth, and viability of the Zoo;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be composed of the following members:

- 1) The Chair of the Council Committee on Parks, Community and Customer Services;
- 2) The Councilmember representing Council District IV;
- 3) The Director of the Zoo;
- 4) A representative from the Office of the Mayor; and
- 5) A representative from the Honolulu Zoological Society;

and

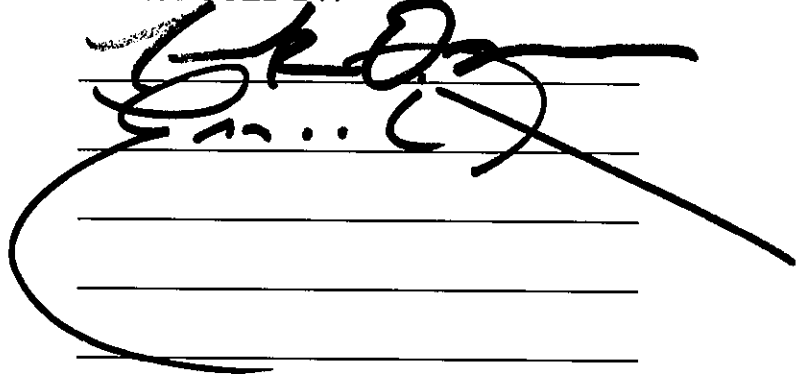
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Enterprise Services is to report the working group's findings and recommendations to the Council within 180 days after adoption of this Resolution; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Council Chair, the Chair of the Parks, Community and Customer Services Committee, the Councilmember representing Council District IV, the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Director of Enterprise Services, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of the Honolulu Zoo, and the Director of the Honolulu Zoological Society.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

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Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers